management fronts in a holistic manner, coordinated response to counter naxalism, sustained Police action against naxalites and their infrastructure, peace dialogue only if naxalites abjure the path of violence/arms, to wean away youth from the path of naxal ideology, accelerated socio-economic development of the backward areas and regular interaction with NGOs, promotion of local resistance groups against naxalites, use of mass media to highlight the futility of naxal violence, etc. The Central Govt. will continue to supplement the efforts and resources of the affected States on both security and development fronts and bring greater coordination between the States to successfully tackle the problem.

Criteria for declaration of classical language

2657. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued notification regarding criteria for declaration of classical language;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government intend to declare Kannada as classical language in view of its rich culture and heritage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The following criteria have been laid down for according classical status to a language:—

(i) High antiquity of its early texts/recorded history over a period of 1500-2000 years.

(ii) A body of ancient literature/texts, which is considered a valuable heritage by generations of speakers.

(iii) The literacy tradition be original and not borrowed from another speech community.

(iv) The classical language and literature being distinct from modern, there may also be a discontinuity between the classical language and its later forms or its offshoots.

(c) The proposal to declare Kannada as classical language is under consideration of the Committee of Linguistic Experts constituted by the Government.